

## **Youth Resource Connections**

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### **Youth Headlines**

**National Youth Development Practitioners' Institute.** The Youth Opportunity Grant Leadership Institute has a new name. This new name is "National Youth Development Practitioners Institute" (NYDPI for the short name). The name came directly from the Youth Development Practitioner Apprenticeship (YDPA) Initiative as presented in the Department of Labor Training and Employment Information Notice number 8-00 dated December 4, 2000. (Available online at: [http://www.doleta.gov/youth\\_services/pdf/yatein.pdf](http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/pdf/yatein.pdf))

### **Youth Spotlight**

#### **Students Graduate from the Y.E.S. (Youth Enrichment Services) Business Summer Camp.**

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga's Center for Community Career Education, with funding from the Southeast Tennessee WIB and Youth Council, partnered with the Front Porch Alliance, Franklin Covey Company and the Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce to conduct a Y.E.S. Business Summer Camp during the summer of 2002. Students used the 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens book to learn how to develop good habits that apply to school, life and work. Students attended English, Math and Life Skills classes. The camp was conducted as a business camp to give the students an opportunity to understand the world of work. Their stipends were directly tied to performance. Students developed two products during this summer camp and will return to school and operate a school-based enterprise. For more information about this program, contact: Sandy Cole, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Center for Community Career Education, (423) 755-4475 phone, <http://cecasun.utc.edu/~careered/>.

### **Program Spotlight**

#### **Pennsylvania WIA Spotlight - Pennsylvania Program Offers Youth Paid Training for Homeland Security Work.**

The Bucks County (PA) Office of Employment and Training, in partnership with the Bucks County Community College, provides at-risk teens paid training in Homeland Security. The Secure Corps program provides qualified high school juniors and seniors with essential skills and training needed to respond to a variety of emergency situations. Students will be paid to become certified in CPR, first aid, animal CPR and first aid, and "first responder" training on how to respond properly when first at the scene of an emergency. Other opportunities provided to youth include mentoring, career exploration, work experience, and job-specific English and math courses. In addition, the program provides youth weekly field trips to tour the security departments of stadiums, theme parks and public buildings. To obtain more information about Secure Corps, contact Danielle Bursk at 215-504-8558. To download the article entitled, "The Fire Inside - A camp trains at-risk youth for homeland security jobs," visit: <http://www.usnews.com/usnews/issue/020819/misc/19homeland.htm>.

**Indiana WIA Spotlight - Youth Entrepreneurial Project.** Teens in Plymouth, IN are developing business skills through a summer entrepreneurial project, sponsored by the Earthworks Farmhouse

and Ecological Center and Goodwill Industries of Michiana in Marshall County. The summer project, funded through the WIA, engages youth in planting seedlings at Earthworks, tending the gardens, working on business skills including communication and marketing and finally selling the flowers to local businesses. Proceeds from the sale of the flowers will be used to support a weekly after-school program that will continue to teach youth entrepreneurial and money management skills. For more information about this program, contact Shawn Eiden on (774) 936-8919.

**Louisiana WIA Spotlight - Goodwill Industries Baton Rouge receives funds to expand youth program services.** As one of the first graduates of Goodwill Industries Baton Rouge Division's youth services program, Jerico Carlton, 22, now works for the group. He recruits other young people to the job skills and support service program. The program serves young people, 19 to 21, who are school drop-outs, homeless, pregnant or parenting, have a criminal record or have problems reading or other disabilities that hinder their ability to find and keep a job. Funded by the WIA, the pilot project provided eligible young people career readiness training to include workshops on résumé writing, the interview process, business attire and more. After successful completion of the workshops, program participants will receive on-going support for a year to help them overcome employment barriers such as transportation, day care or literacy. The program recently received a \$230,000 grant expand enrollment to 75 -100 participants. For more information about this program, call 225-922-9931 or 225-922-9912.

**Mississippi WIA Spotlight - Governor promotes Operation About Face in Leflore County.** Sponsored by the Mississippi National Guard in conjunction with the WIA, this new after-school program aims to teach at-risk students, ages 16-18, useful life skills and hopefully turn them in the right direction. The program emphasizes academics (students receive homework assistance), life skills (i.e., how to balance a checkbook), job preparation (i.e., writing a resume, filling out job applications), and other money management skills. Mississippi joins Florida as the second state in the country to operate such a program. For more information about this program, contact: Judy Meyer, Agency of Workforce Innovation Florida on (850) 488-7228, ext. 1256 (phone) or Freida Sheffield of Workforce Florida, Inc. on (850) 215-0812.

### **Funding Opportunities**

**The Board on Children, Youth, and Families of the National Research Council and the Institute of Medicine solicit nominations for the William T. Grant Foundation Youth Development Prize.** Organizations, associations, groups and individuals working to increase opportunities for young people and help them mature into successful adulthood are encouraged to apply. The recipient(s) of this prize will receive a cash award of \$100,000 and will be honored at an awards dinner at the National Academy of Sciences. **Deadline: October 1.** To download the nomination form, visit: [www.bocyf.org/wtgrantprize.html](http://www.bocyf.org/wtgrantprize.html) or contact Amy Gawad at [agawad@nas.edu](mailto:agawad@nas.edu) for additional information.

**Grants for Community and Faith-Based Organizations Serving People with Significant Disabilities.** The Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) in collaboration with the Office of the 21st Century Workforce and the Center for Faith-Based Community Initiatives has announced the availability of up to \$300,000 to award approximately three to five grants, ranging in amounts between \$60,000 to \$100,000 each, to community and faith-based organizations to implement model employment programs for people with significant disabilities for the purposes of developing new or enhancing existing employment training and/or services. **Deadline September 4.** For additional information, visit <http://www.dol.gov/odep/grants/community.htm>.

**Competition for Disability Technical Assistance for Providers (TAP) Cooperative Agreement.** The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP)

announces the availability of \$600,000 to award one cooperative agreement. This cooperative agreement will provide funds for the implementation of a national technical assistance and training effort designed to increase the capacity of Community Rehabilitation Programs (CRPs) and other community-based service providers to increased earnings, benefits, and career advancement potential for people with disabilities. Eligible applicants may include a public, private non-profit, or for-profit organization or consortium, including community and faith-based organizations. **Deadline: September 4.** For additional information, visit: <http://www.dol.gov/odep/grants/disability.htm>.

### **Publications/Reports/Resources**

**State High School Exit Exams: A Baseline Report, August 2002.** Published by the Center on Education Policy, this report is intended to help State and national policymakers, media people and others understand the nature, status, and impact of state exit exams. According to this report, as more states adopt high school graduation tests, an increasing number of poor, black and Latino students are at risk of being denied diplomas because schools do not adequately prepare them for high-stakes exams. To download this report, visit: <http://www.ctredpol.org/pubs/StateHighSchoolExitExams13Aug2002.pdf>.

**Child Trends' American Teen Series.** The latest research brief discusses what works for rearing teens with positive social skills for long-term benefits. Teens with quality relationships tend to have better psychological health, improved academic performance, and success in relationships as adults, and research suggests that programs targeting the development of social skills are effective among adolescents. To download the brief, visit: <http://www.childtrends.org/PDF/K3Brief.pdf>. To learn more about the American Teen Series in general, visit: <http://www.childtrends.org>.

**Multiple Choices After School: Findings From The Extended Service School Initiative,** published by the Wallace-Reader's Digest, Public/Private Ventures, and Manpower Demonstration Research Corporation is available online by visiting the Wallace-Reader's Digest Funds website <http://www.wallacefunds.org>, Public/Private Ventures <http://www.ppv.org>, or MDRC website <http://www.mdrc.org>. Printed copies are available through P/PV.

**YCWorks!**, published by the Leonard Resource Group, Inc., is a monthly newsletter for Youth Councils. The LRG, Inc., is also working with local Youth Councils and their staff to prepare submissions for DOL's new Promising Practices web site ([www.promising-practices.org](http://www.promising-practices.org)). If you or any of your Youth Councils would like assistance in researching, writing a subscription, or submitting a model program to this innovative site, please contact Ericka Hines at [ehines@lrqinc.org](mailto:ehines@lrqinc.org).

### **Websites**

**America's Career InfoNet (ACINET) is listed first among all career web resources by Microsoft.** ACINET provides wage and employment trends, occupational requirements, state-by-state labor market conditions, millions of employer contacts nationwide, and the most extensive career resource library online. Visit the website on: <http://www.acinet.org/acinet/>

### **Calendar of Events**

**August 23. Deadline to apply for WIA Leaders Academy.** For more information, visit: <http://www.nyec.org/wialeaders.html>.

**September 4 – 6. Women of Excellence Conference, San Diego, CA. For more information, visit:** [www.npcl.org](http://www.npcl.org) or contact Jessica Reust ([jreust@npcl.org](mailto:jreust@npcl.org)) or Charlene Lewis Meeks ([cmeeks@npcl.org](mailto:cmeeks@npcl.org)) at toll free (888) 528-6725.

**September 12–13. PEPNet Institute, Washington, DC.** For more information, visit: <http://www.nyec.org>.

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**September 17 – 19. Peer-to-Peer - Developing Activities to Engage and Retain Highly At-Risk Youth, Denver, CO.** For more information, visit:  
[http://www.doleta.gov/youth\\_services/peertopeer\\_register.asp](http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/peertopeer_register.asp).

**September 23 - 26. Peer-to-Peer - YO! in the Recording Studio,** Memphis, TN. For more information, visit [http://www.doleta.gov/youth\\_services/peertopeer\\_register.asp](http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/peertopeer_register.asp).

**October 8 – 11. Peer-to-Peer - Case Management/ISS Workshop,** Seattle, WA. For more information, visit [http://www.doleta.gov/youth\\_services/peertopeer\\_register.asp](http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/peertopeer_register.asp).

**October 15 - 18. Peer-to-Peer - Case Management/ISS Workshop,** Brockton, MA. For more information, visit [http://www.doleta.gov/youth\\_services/peertopeer\\_register.asp](http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/peertopeer_register.asp).

**October 15 - 17. DOL Region 3 - Southeast Regional Youth Summit,** Charlotte, NC. For more information, visit [www.schoolandmain.org](http://www.schoolandmain.org) or call Gene Caso at 404-562-2382 #129.

**October 16 - 18. DOL Region 5 Youth Development Conference,** Chicago, IL. For more information, visit: [http://www.doleta.gov/regions/reg05/Pages/r5eta\\_Index.cfm](http://www.doleta.gov/regions/reg05/Pages/r5eta_Index.cfm).

**November 5 – 7. Peer-to-Peer - Healthy Emotional and Psychological Development of Our Youth,** Denver, CO. For more information, visit:  
[http://www.doleta.gov/youth\\_services/peertopeer\\_register.asp](http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/peertopeer_register.asp).

**November 5 – 7. Peer-to-Peer - Community Service Learning,** Milwaukee, WI. For more information, contact Anne Stom, (202) 693-3377 or email: [astom@doleta.gov](mailto:astom@doleta.gov).

**January 17, 2003. Entries due for 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Film Contest.** For more information, contact Anne Stom at [astom@doleta.gov](mailto:astom@doleta.gov).

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**Youth Resource Connections** provides important announcements and information for state and local workforce investment boards, youth councils, youth service providers, Youth Opportunity Grant sites, partners, and others interested in youth development.

**We welcome your input:** Please let us know how these updates might be improved to better serve your needs. If you would like to contribute information, post an inquiry, or suggest topics to cover, please contact Anne Stom ([Astom@doleta.gov](mailto:Astom@doleta.gov); 202-693-3377); DeEtta Roberson-Carter ([Droberson-Carter@doleta.gov](mailto:Droberson-Carter@doleta.gov); 202- 693-3610) or Susan Rosenblum ([srosenblum@doleta.gov](mailto:srosenblum@doleta.gov); 202-693-3597).

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